(e) if so, what are the reasons for not taking any decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): (a) to (e) According to information received from the Registry of Guwahati High Court, 388 main cases relating to Meghalaya were pending in the Guwahati High Court on 1.1.90.

It is agreed, in principle, that there should be separate High Courts for all the North Eastern States, including Meghalaya. The Government of Meghalaya were told in 1987 that, to begin with the existing Circuit Bench of the Gauhati High Court at Shillong would be converted into a permanent Bench as soon as necessary infrastructural facilities were provided by the State Government. The necessary facilities have not yet been made available. No complaints have however been received from the State Government against the functioning of the existing Circuit Bench.

The information regarding the number and duration of sitting of the Circuit Bench at Shillong during last one year is awaited from the Registry of the Gauhati High Court.

Establishment of food processing plants

*175. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) how many food processing plants came into existence after the formation of the Ministry at the Centre;

(b) what were the total number of food processing plants in India before Ministry came into existence; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to establish new food processing plants in different parts of the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Food Processing Industries are in the organised and unorganised sectors. Most of the Food Processing Industries are de-licensed. Information in respect of all the food processing industries in the different sectors is not being maintained centrally. In view of this, it is not possible to give an authentic information about the number of all the food processing plants in India which were in existence before the Ministry of Food Processing Industries came into existence in July, 1988 and the number of all the plants which have been set up after the formation of the Ministry.

(c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not have any proposal to set up new food processing units directly in any State. However, this Ministry has formulated several plan schemes under which assistance is provided to the State governments, co-operative societies, public sector undertakings, etc. for development of food processing industries.

चमड़े की वस्तुओं का निर्यात

*176. श्री राम जेठमलानी :
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत वर्षों से चमड़े की अनेक वस्तुओं का देश से निर्यात किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों में वर्ष-वार कितने मूल्य का निर्यात किया गया है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि चालू वर्ष में इस निर्यात में कमी आने की संभावना है ; और

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि चमड़े की इन वस्तुओं का निर्यात मुख्यत: अमरीका, सोवियत रूस तथा अन्य यूरोपीय

देशों को ही किया जाता है, यदि हां तो चालू वर्ष के दौरान इसमें कितनी आय होने की संभावना है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री, साथ में वित्त और न्याय मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री सुब्रह्मण्यम स्वामी) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) से (घ) एक विवरण-पत्र सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है ।

विवरण

पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान चमड़ा तथा चमड़े से बने सामान के निर्यात मूल्य निम्नानुसार हैं :—

वर्ष	निर्यात (करोड़ रुपये में)
1987–88	1244.86
1988–89	1608.37
1989–90	2030.04

(स्त्रोत : काउंसिल फार लेदर एक्सपोर्ट्स, मद्रास)

2. चालू वर्ष के दौरान चमड़ा तथा चमड़े से बने सामान के निर्यात में कोई गिरावट आने की उम्मीद नहीं है । निर्यात के वर्तमान रुख के आधार पर ऐसी उम्मीद है कि चालू वर्ष के दौरान निर्यात 2700 करोड़ रुपये के स्तर तक पहुंच जाएगा ।

3. निर्यात मुख्यत: एफ आर जी, यू एस एस आर, यू एस ए, यू के, इटली, फ्रांस, जापान तथा आस्ट्रेलिया को किए जाते हैं।

Over-invoicing of imports

*177. SHRI R. R. SAHU:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what arrangements exist in his Ministry of check over-invoicing of imports with a view to save foreign exchange;

(b) how many cases of over-invoicing were detected during the last three years; year-wise and what the the details of such cases;

(c) what action has been taken against each of the companies detected indulging in over-invoicing; and

(d) what steps have been taken to eliminate over-invoicing?

THE FINANCE MINISTER (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) Value of all imported goods is subjected to critical scrutiny at the time of assessment of imported goods. This scrutiny involves comparison of the declared prices vis-a-vis the prices in the international market and those declared at the various other ports. Besides normal scrutiny by the Custom Houses, there are specialised agencies such as Special Intelligence and Investigation Branches and Special Valuation Branches within the Customs Houses and Enforcement Directorate and Directorate of Revenue Intelligence at all-India level which collect intelligence/information regarding over-invoicing and investigate cases of over-invoicing.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Custom Houses and investigation agencies are always on alert to gather intelligence about any attempts at over-invoicing.

Pending cases in the Supreme Court

*178. SHRI TINDIVANAM C. VENKATARAMAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of civil and criminal appeals and revision cases pending in Supreme Court for 10 years and more till date, separately;

(b) what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken to dispose of these pending cases?